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HON. HANNIBAL HAMLIN.
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To the Editor of the Boston Journal:

Your correspondent, "Frank," in writing
from Pembroke, Massachusetts, and referring
to the Hamlin family, is mistaken in one or two
particulars, which I beg leave to correct.

Eleazer Hamlin, the grandfather of the Vice
President elect, was born in Pembroke, where
he resided till 1778, when he removed to Har-
vard, and from thence to Westford in 1794, where
he died at the age of 75 years. He had seven-
teen children, whose names are now before me.
His second wife had two young children when
he married her, and these, added to his own,
which in process of time were increased to seven-
teen, made the convenient and comfortable
family of nineteen children.

The size of his family was a fair specimen of
the man socially, as a farmer, and in political
life. Physically, he was large and powerful,
with a mind of great vigor and strength, though
somewhat rough and uncultivated. He took a
leading part in arousing his townsmen, and
preparing for the revolutionary war; was a
member of the Committee of Safety, and en-
tered the army as a captain. He served three
years, a part of the time at least, under Wash-
ington, who, for brave and meritorious conduct,
promoted him to the rank of major. Having
spent much time and property in the revolu-
tionary cause, his large and increasing family
compelled him to resign his commission, and
devote his attention to his select company of
young recruits at home. In accepting his resig-
nation, General Washington expressed his
regret that it was necessary for him to leave a
cause he so much loved, complimented him for
his conduct, and made him a present of two
hundred dollars of continental money, in doing
which the General might have said, "silver
and gold have I none, but such as I have give
I thee." Revolutionary money, however, was
more valuable than secession bonds.

After the war, Mr. Hamlin was captain of a
military company, of which five of his sons
were members at the same time. He was a
great reader of history and biography of mili-
tary men. He named four of his sons after the
four continents of the globe, viz: Asia, Africa,
Europe, and America. These names are on the
record before me, and also the names of Elea-
zer, Cyrus and Hannibal, (twins,) Isaac, Green,
and George.

Major Hamlin owned large tracts of land in
the then District of Maine, and offered a lot
to such of his sons as were disposed to occupy
them as farms. Africa, America, Eleazer, and
Hannibal, accepted the offer, and removed to
Watford, Maine, where they were known
through their lives as active, leading men. In
the course of his travels, Cyrus, who was a
well-educated physician, met with something
more valuable and attractive than any lot of
land in the gift of his father. In the town of
Livermore, he became acquainted with Miss
Anna Livermore, daughter of Deacon Elijah
Livermore, married her December 14, 1797,
entered upon the practice of his profession, and
was widely known and beloved in his personal
and professional character. In 1805 he removed
to Paris, where, in addition to his medical prac-
tice, he held successively the offices of clerk of
the courts, and sheriff of Oxford county. Dr.
Hamlin was a gentleman of distinguished ex-
cellence in all the varied relations of his life.
Those who have been in his family, or met him
in his professional or business capacity, can-
not have forgotten his cordial, genial manner,
and constant flow of humor.

Two of Dr. Hamlin's sons survive—Hon.
Elijah L. Hamlin of Bangor, Maine, and Hon.
Hannibal Hamlin of Hampden, Vice Presi-
dent elect.

Having recently visited the last named gen-
tleman, and as he is now a national man, (and
never was a secession one,) I may be excused
for saying that he is not less beloved and hon-
ored in private than in public life. He is an
exception to a general rule. For more than
twenty years a prominent leader in political
life, he has lived strictly within his income,
and has accumulated a property, which, if small
in a large city, is large in a small town. He
carries his broad and liberal views into the
small transactions of life. As a public man,
he possesses, in an eminent degree, that faculty
which enables one to form a correct opinion of
the future from past and passing events. He
has never lost an election.

The ancestry of our Vice President elect can
be traced back through many generations. On
the maternal side he claims kindred with the
Livermore families of Watertown and Cam-
bridge, long known and honored in Massachu-
setts.

The Hamlin name is found on our colonial
records as early as 1645, and the line of de-
scendant has been traced from France through
England to our own State. In France, the
name was spelled *Hameline*, and occurs fre-
quently in the history of the Huguenots. Per-
secution drove several families of them to En-
gland, where they dropped the two e's—hence
the English name Hamlin. The name is still
well known in France. Admiral Hameline, of
the Crimean war, is a descendant of the same
ancestors.

It will be seen, by these statements, that the
ridiculous story that our Vice President elect
has negro blood in his veins is simply a seces-
sion slander. It is, however, a fair specimen
of Southern intelligence and truthfulness. H.

PITY AND PATRIOTISM.—A singular scene
was enacted on Sunday evening, says the Phila-
delphia Bulletin, at the Green street M. E.
Church. The regular annual collection in aid
of the funds of the Missionary Society of the
Methodist Episcopal Church was being taken
up, and a number of prominent members of the
church had been elected life members, the
amount necessary for that purpose having been
subscribed. Finally, a gentleman arose in the
gallery, and after speaking of the proper asso-
ciation of piety and patriotism, he stated that
the members of the choir contributed twenty
dollars for the purpose of making the gallant
Major Anderson a life member of the Missio-
nary Society. This announcement caused a sen-
sation which had not subsided when the same
gentleman again arose and stated that the ladies
of the choir desired to contribute twenty dollars
to make Mrs. Major Anderson a member of the
Society. He afterwards stated that the choir
would give a like amount to make Lieutenant
General Winfield Scott a life member, and sub-

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sequently he said that as Mr. Buchanan had
lately given evidence of a disposition to do his
duty to the Constitution and the Union, they
would also contribute the amount necessary to
create him a life member.

The feeling thus started in the choir now ex-
tended to the body of the church. One lady
began a subscription to make Governor Hicks,
of Maryland, a life member; another contribu-
tion towards the amount necessary to make
President Lincoln a member, and a gentleman
in the congregation proposed the same com-
pliment to Hon. Mr. Stephens, of Georgia. The
secession spirit was at a dead discount among
the congregation, for there was not a dissenting
voice to these unusual proceedings.

For the National Republican.

BALEFUL INFLUENCE OF SECESSION.
The brutalizing power of this species of re-
bellion was strikingly and most deplorably dis-
played in those fiendish articles which appeared
in the Charleston Mercury and Charleston
Courier last month, glowing over anticipated
distress and starvation during the coming win-
ter, of the laboring classes at the North. The
heart of humanity recoils with horror at such
exultations, and while we impute such atrocities
solely to the insanity of secession, we are
happy to record the utter failure of these bar-
barous predictions, in the reported general well-
fare of all classes at the North. The reports
of the savings banks of New York and Massa-
chusetts show a large increase of deposits over
any preceding year, and a most healthy condi-
tion. The crowning act, however, of diabolical
and world-wide contempt and dishonor on the
part of South Carolina, is the extinction of the
lights at the lighthouses on her coast; an act
which will inevitably bring upon her the execra-
tion of every nation and individual on the face
of the earth, except a mad secessionist.

At a wedding near Springfield, when the
clergyman stretched forth his hand to impose
a blessing, the bridegroom, thinking it was
the signal for him to surrender the wedding fee,
which was burning in his pocket, clapped two
half dollars in the minister's hand just as he
was closing his eyes in prayer. The good man
hesitated a moment, appalled at the ludicrous-
ness of his situation, but coolly depositing the
money in his pocket, proceeded with his de-
votion. Clergymen, like other good Christians,
seldom lose their presence of mind when there
is money about.

AN OUTRAGE.—While the salute of one hun-
dred guns was being fired in Newport yester-
day, in honor of that gallant Kentuckian, Major
Anderson, Dr. Foster, the Postmaster of the
town, cut the rope by which the Union flag
was about being run up, and dragged the flag
in the mud. It is asserted by some, that he
trampled upon it, making the remark, that
"That d— flag could not fly over Southern
soil." Strange to relate, he escaped without
the chastisement he so richly merited. The
indignation of the Union men of Newport is
intense.—*Chas. Com.*

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